Joe Rothbauer – Outstanding Alumni

Joe Rothbauer (‘76) was born with a propensity for persistence that has guided him from childhood to the present. He was part of three state championship teams in high school (football, track and wrestling) which helped earn him a scholarship to UW Madison where he studied Civil Engineering and played football, including a year as captain. He graduated from UW Madison in 1981 and eventually took a position with ConocoPhillips in Oklahoma where he was selected to oversee the construction of a pipeline in the Arctic Circle that carries 2.1 million barrels of crude oil a day. He is currently the senior vice president for Castleton Commodities International managing the assets of the energy trading company. He has used his business savvy to advance the communities where he’s lived including YMCAs in Oklahoma and the greater Houston area, St. Ignatius Church and the Banff School raising millions of dollars to support their efforts.

Jamie Zemke – Athletic Hall of Fame

Jamie Zemke (‘90), the newest member of the Lourdes Academy Athletic Hall of Fame, had an outstanding career as a wrestler and later, as head coach of the Knights wrestling program. Zemke set numerous records as a wrestler including many firsts in the proud history of Lourdes Academy Wrestling. He capped his senior season by winning a state championship and finishing the season without a loss. One of the most impressive achievements of Jamie’s high school wrestling career was that he took 1st or 2nd place in every tournament he ever competed in.

Zemke took over as head wrestling coach following in the footsteps of his father, Donald, and uncle, Val. Zemke served as the head coach from 1998 to 2015 and continued the proud tradition of Lourdes Academy Wrestling. He coached many individuals to conference and regional

Chris & Margaret Keller – Distinguished Stewardship

Among those recognized where Chris and Margaret Keller, past parents, who were and continue to be a backbone family in the Lourdes arsenal of volunteers. Their legacy of support and service spans more than a dozen years, even prior to their three daughters being in middle and high school and continuing today after their youngest daughter’s graduation in 2015.

The Kellers were heavily involved in athletic and music programs and spent many years building sets and sewing costumes for more than a decade of musicals. It’s people like the Kellers that help define the kind of culture that will continue to make Lourdes Academy a school system of choice in the Fox Valley.
Lourdes Academy is pleased to announce that John Dinegan was hired to lead the system as its new president, effective March 16, 2017. Dinegan brings more than 30 years of experience as a teacher, administrator, professor, coach and mentor and believes success in life is based greatly on the relationships we take the time to develop.

Dinegan served as Associate Professor of Exercise Science/Coordinator for Coaching and Student-Athlete Development at Ripon College for 12 years and was named Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2015. In addition to teaching, he was the head coach for women's tennis and assistant coach for men's basketball and softball.

Prior to joining Ripon College, Dinegan gained experience as an elementary, middle and high school physical education teacher, alternative education teacher, administrator and coach in Michigan. He was named Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year in 1993 and in 2000 in two different conferences and has served as a mentor for coaches, athletes and students.

Dinegan earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from the U.W.-La Crosse and a Masters in Athletic Administration from Western Michigan University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Leadership.

Dinegan has been engaged in the Lourdes community for five years as a parent to Patrick (grade 8) and Adam (grade 4) and looks forward to leading the system.

Dinegan said of the role, “I am excited and humbled to be in this position. I look forward to getting to know all of the different stakeholders in the Lourdes Academy family.”

Behind the Curtains of Lourdes’ 2017 musical

More than 40 percent of high school students were involved in the cast, crew and orchestra pit of Curtains.

By Alex Trofka - Knight Writer Student Journalist

Lourdes students brought the theater to their feet during their performance of Curtains at the Grand Opera House in April. The murder mystery, musical comedy took place in Boston, Massachusetts in the 1950s. When Jessica Cranshaw, the star of the show, dies after the final curtain of a western production of Robin Hood, Detective Frank Cioffi will not let the cast of Robin Hood go until the mystery is solved.

“Curtains is a different [musical],” Lourdes musical director Julie Ringlien said. “It’s a murder mystery, it has a variety of music styles, sets and costume styles, and the humor is different in that it’s more sarcastic and wry. We wanted to do a show that was non-traditional and fresh,” she said.

Putting on a musical takes hard work from the students, parents, and directors of the show, but it is filled with memories that last a lifetime.

Senior Macrina Schry, who was cast as the female lead Niki Harris, said, “My favorite memory from musical is the day we move into the Grand. I’ll walk up onto the stage and look out at the empty seats. The cast is singing on the sides of the stage, the stage crew is busy fixing set pieces and grabbing mic. tape, and the orchestra is tuning their instruments. At that moment, I feel like I’ve come home again.”

Nick Danielson who played Cioffi said, “My favorite memory of musicals is the rehearsals, whatever those might be, even if it means getting into trouble.”

Ringlien said, “I look forward to seeing it all come together and seeing the students exceed their own expectations. I also enjoy the audiences’ reactions to the show that we all work so hard to present.”

Watch for more information on the 2018 Lourdes musical, Hello Dolly (dates to be determined).
Alumni helping across generations

When graduation day arrives, students proudly cross the stage to receive their diploma—the first step on the next leg of their journey. Lourdes boasts more than 50 years of alumni who have gone on to successful careers and impressive accomplishments. Now, many of those individuals are bringing their experience back to Lourdes Academy to benefit current students in their career choices. Thank you to all of our alumni who have supported Lourdes with their time, talent and treasure.

Zack Pawlosky (‘10) remembers his parents, local entrepreneurs, spending time with him and his four siblings, putting them to bed, then staying up until 2 a.m. to grow their various businesses. That persistence and determination were his first lessons in entrepreneurism, lessons that would lead him to start his own business at the age of 19.

Pawlosky’s hunger for entrepreneurship and desire to help others succeed through either business support or marketing consulting inspired him to open the doors of Candeo Creative, an Oshkosh-based marketing firm. Pawlosky and his team at Candeo specialize in market research, marketing strategy, photography, videography and animation. In just five years, Candeo has grown from a staff of one to a team of 50 marketing professionals.

“It feels like I’ve crammed about 20 years of business growth into five,” Pawlosky said. “As we continue to grow and expand, we’ve learned the value of connecting with local leaders and mentors to help guide us through sometimes challenging waters. I’ve advanced myself by listening intently to other successful leaders.”

Pawlosky is using his prowess to guide Lourdes Academy’s marketing efforts. From branding and mentoring to social media marketing, he is giving back to his alma mater, coaching and encouraging future business leaders and helping point them to resources that allow them to find personal success in life.

“I firmly believe that I would not be where I am today without Lourdes,” he said. “Its programs, education and the individual support and care I gained from my teachers helped mold me into who I am today. Giving back is important to me because I hope that my contribution can attract and foster future leaders. I feel that I owe Lourdes and its staff any support I can offer as a thank you for the support they have given me and continue to give me today.”

Despite owning a marketing firm, Pawlosky insists he’s not a marketer. He’s interested in business growth and leading his community through developing excellent places to work, assisting in growing the local economy and developing a spirit of success and possibility. He’s using his own experiences to help nurture other leaders and entrepreneurs as well.

“Oshkosh has been incredibly good to me as local leaders have taken me under their wing to show me the way,” Pawlosky added. “I would tell current students, ‘You are in a school, city, country and time where anything is possible. Find your dream and don’t be afraid to ask for help to get there.’”

Rita Voight

Rita (Angle) Voight’s (‘75) faith has always been important to her. When she attended Sacred Heart Grade School, she dreamed of becoming a nun, but that journey changed when she met her husband during her freshman year at Lourdes High School. Darrel Voight was a senior and agreed to wait for her until she finished high school. She graduated on June 2, 1975, and was married on June 28, 1975, at St. Vincent church. The two have been married 42 years.

While still in high school, Voight became the first student to leave the Lourdes campus to attend a work program with Winnebago County. She worked 23 years in the court system including for the State of Wisconsin where she established many networking contacts before retiring to pursue a career in finance.

“I was searching for solutions to financial programs in our community,” Voight said of her career change. “Helping people is my passion.”

Her current position as president of Health Care Credit Union provides an avenue for her to make a difference in the community. During her tenure, she has taught financial education in the Oshkosh School System, credit union and Oshkosh Public Library during Smart Money Week. She’s also been involved in numerous organizations including the Boys & Girls Club, Oshkosh YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and the Mercy Medical Foundation.

Voight’s mission is to help mentor others to be leaders in their community, from her employees to current students at Lourdes Academy. Voight recently invited Lourdes Academy
junior Alex Wagner to serve on the credit union’s board of directors.

“Employees at Health Care Credit Union are great people, and our goal is to coach extraordinary employees by learning and listening,” she said. “They have a wealth of knowledge. You need to tap into their strengths and help the individual manifest their future. I have had employees that never dreamed they would be in the position they are in today! I try and make their dreams come true.”

Voight’s advice for success to current students is to leave your ego at the door in school and at work and to be humble and kind.

“Never burn any bridges...you never know where your path may take you in life.”

**Alumni Give Back**

**Judy & Tom Kuble Fund**

The Judy & Tom Kuble Fund was established by alumni as a way to honor beloved teacher and choir director, Mrs. Judy Kuble, and her husband, Tom, who worked alongside her for 20 years supporting her ministry. This permanent endowment fund provides music education opportunities, supports events such as the spring musical and provides music scholarships to students.

Support the Kuble Fund by making an online donation at lourdes.today/give and designating a portion of your gift to the fund.

**Decision Tree Mentoring**

Decision Tree Mentoring (DTM) is a career exploration program that matches alumni in various career fields with students interested in learning more about those fields. A match can be as simple as a phone call, or can evolve to include a job shadow experience or internship.

To learn how you can become a Decision Tree Mentor, contact Karen Boehm at 920.426.3626, ext. 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.

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Track record hurdles one generation in Gresser family

By Maggie Berenz - Knight Writer Student Journalist

A Lourdes track record hurdles one generation as junior Delaney Gresser and her 4x200 track team of senior Kelsey Schwochert, freshman Joely Hurkman, and sophomore Alexis Rolph beat the former school record previously held by her mother Susan (Geffers) Gresser, Amy Wing, Stacey Wolf, and Patty Rioja (all class of ’90).

“I've been running track since sixth grade, and my goal has always been to beat my mom’s record in the 4x200,” Delaney Gresser explained. She had been training since last season to beat the record when she came extremely close. However, this season the relay team had new members.

“Early in the season we had to work hard to make our handoffs smooth,” Gresser said.

On May 5, at Lourdes Academy’s home meet hosted at Titan Stadium, this dedicated group of girls raced against huge competition and ended up running a time of 1:49.76 just enough to beat her mother’s team’s previous record of 1:52.10.

“I think we beat the record because of all the time we put in this season and the competition at the meet,” Delaney said. “Plus, my extra motivation was my mom. She really wanted me to beat her record and always gives me pep talks before I race. She comes to all of my meets and supports me in all of my events,” Gresser said.

The 4x200 team’s achievements didn’t stop there. On May 22, at the regional meet, the 4x200 relay team beat their own record by running a new time of 1:48.65.

Susan Gresser is a well accomplished high school track athlete herself and member of the Lourdes Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. She still holds records in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Graduation Walk—a new tradition

By Macrini Schry (‘17) - Knight Writer Student Journalist

On May 24, a new tradition was started at Lourdes Academy: the Graduation Walk. The seniors, clad in caps and gowns, were shuttled around the Lourdes Academy system in a bus decorated with inspirational notes from well-wishing teachers to celebrate our high school achievements. There are very few words that can describe the pride that comes with looking into the eyes of a young Seton or Cabrini student and realizing just how far you’ve come. It was a beautiful celebration of Lourdes students young and old carrying on the Lourdes tradition, and it was an unforgettable experience.

Class of 2017 Fun Facts

- 3 students received Division 1 athletic scholarships
- The 43 graduates collectively received $1.9 million in college scholarships
- 63% of graduates earned college credits in high school with 28% of all students earning 10 or more credits

Continuing the Tradition

Lourdes celebrates the tradition of Catholic education with the third generation Wenrich/Bernhagen family.

Josephine Bernhagen (‘31),
Eleanor Bernhagen (‘33),
Robert Wenrich (‘76), and
Amanda (Wenrich) Bernhagen (‘01)
UPCOMING LOURDES ACADEMY REUNIONS

Class of 1962 - 55 Year
Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Time TBD
Lourdes Academy High School Bill Behring Commons
Patricia (Baier) Schumerth, pmschumerth@att.net

Class of 1967 - 50 Year
Saturday, October 14, 2017 - Time TBD
Lourdes Academy High School Bill Behring Commons
Randy Walter, 920-231-9675 or rwalter3517@att.net

Class of 1972 - 45 Year
August 12, 2017 • 6:30-11:30 pm
Lourdes Academy High School Bill Behring Commons
$30/person, includes continuous buffet and beverages
Casual dress
Patti Benz, 920-231-5150 or gbpbsbab@aol.com

Class of 1977 - 40 Year Reunion (continued)
Saturday, August 12, 2017 • 6-11 pm
Fox River Brewery Tap Room, 1501 Arboretum Drive
6 pm - registration/cocktails; 7 pm - heavy hors d’oeuvres;
8 pm - program; 8:30-11 pm - dancing & general frivolity
Marianne (Rice) Spain, 513-873-0577 or spains43061@yahoo.com or follow Facebook at Lourdes Academy Class of 1977-Oshkosh

Class of 1977 - 40 Year Reunion
Friday, August 11, 2017
4:30pm - Guided tour of Lourdes H.S. (Meet at door #7)
6pm - Fish Fry at Elks Lodge, 175 W. Fernau (Pay on your own)

Class of 1987 - 30 Year Reunion
August 11-12, 2017 (tentative) • Time & Location TBD
Liz (Weber) Disper, 612-801-4027 or weberdisper@gmail.com

Class of 1992 - 25th Reunion
Date TBD
Amy Schuler, 920-232-9532 or amymerkel@hotmail.com

Class of 1997 - 20 Year Reunion
Saturday, August 19 - Time TBD
Family Friendly Camping Outing
Jennifer Bauer, 310-910-4565 or Jennifer.Bauer@honeywell.com

Planning a reunion? Contact Shannon Gibson at 920-426-3626, ext. 541 or sgibson@lourdes.today for assistance.
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